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BRADLEY THRUST INTO SPOTLIGHT

Accused Man Is Center of Speculation

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For the first time in his life, Edgar Eugene Bradley finds himself thrust into the center of national speculation.

A warrant issued by the office of New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison accuses him of conspiring to murder President John F. Kennedy.

Bradley denies this. Ever since he was first informed of the accusations by Garrison on Dec. 20, Bradley denied any connection with the slaying Nov. 22, 1963.

He opened his North Hollywood house to newsmen the day after the warrant was issued in Louisiana and said:

"I'm going to pray for Mr. Garrison. I'm sure he has the wrong man."

LITTLE IN COMMON

Two men are accused by Garrison of conspiring to murder Kennedy. Clay Shaw, the other, would appear to have little in common with Bradley. Shaw, 54, is the former director of the International Trade Mart at New Orleans. He is articulate, well-read, and was much involved in international matters, particularly those of South America.

Bradley, 49, works for a well-known conservative theologian, the Rev. Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches.

Bradley says he sells McIntire's syndicated radio broadcasts to West Coast stations.

ATTACKS ON U.N.

McIntire often attacks the United Nations or the National Council of Churches for their activities.

Bradley claims to have little use for extreme politics. "I don't like left-wing or right-wing politics," he has told newsmen.

A native of Arkansas, the soft-spoken accused man projects an ingratiating personality. He obviously is used to dealing with people.

"My problem is going to be financing my defense," he told newsmen. Bradley claims a modest income and gives the impression of a man whose life was in order except for "Mr. Garrison, who may just be after Dr. McIntire."

Bradley is about 5 feet, 8 inches, has dark hair except for some grey at the temples. Bradley is married to Connie Bradley, a receptionist at Mattox Laboratories in Los Angeles.

They have two children, one of them a son in a small Bible college in the Carolinas. He would not say what their names are.

"I never met Mr. Shaw," said Bradley. He says he was on a bus heading toward El Paso, Tex., the day of the assassination.

He said his only visit to New Orleans was last April.

Bradley came to Los Angeles in 1936 after serving with the Navy as an aircraft technician. He worked for a moving firm until about six years ago when he joined McIntire. His interests seem family oriented.